



Barossa & Light Community Cars

Becoming a Volunteer Car Driver



*The***Barossa***Council*

What Would I Need to Become a Volunteer Driver?

Time - Have a few hours spare each month.

Empathy - Have empathy for frail-aged and vulnerable people.

Driving - Have good driving skills and a driving licence.

Friendly - Enjoy meeting and interacting with people.

Accreditation - Be prepared to attain Volunteer Driver Accreditation.

What is Volunteer Driver Accreditation?

We will arrange the following at no cost to you. Successful accreditation is mandatory.

- Criminal history assessment
- Medical
- Driving assessment
- Volunteer induction - at the start of volunteering with ongoing updates and training as required
- Attendance at basic first aid training (no CPR)

Whose car would I drive?

We have a fleet of cars for transporting clients. They are all automatic transmission.

When would I be required to drive?

This is entirely your choice. Some of our volunteers drive twice weekly, others monthly or on an ad-hoc basis to fit in with their lives.

We are flexible to your needs.

How does rostering work?

You let us know your availability and how often you would like to drive. When a trip comes in we will call and let you know the date, destination and times - you say yes or no.

Where would I be asked to go to?

The majority of our trips are to medical appointments in Adelaide. However there are also trips to places like Salisbury, Elizabeth and Gawler.

Who would I be driving?

Our eligibility is any transport disadvantaged residents of the Barossa Council or Light Regional Council. Most of our clients are older people.

Do I have to take clients into their appointments and wait with them?

No. Clients are generally dropped at their appointments. Clients who need more help are asked to take along a carer. When they are ready to be collected the client will call you on the mobile phone provided. If we know it's going to be a long appointment we will check with you beforehand and may organise collection by another driver.

Would there be any cost to me?

We do not expect our volunteers to incur any out of pocket expenses. All our cars have fuel cards.

Where would I collect the car from?

At the end of a trip the car is taken to the next volunteer driving it and arrangements will be made to drop you home.

Do you think this is you or do you know someone who would be interested?

Please call the volunteer resource centre on **8563 8495** or email **volunteer@barossa.sa.gov.au** for a no-obligation chat or make an appointment to come and see us.